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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for
Planning and Coordination

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: New DOD Research Projects for FY 1956

1. The Office of Training has an interest in the Department of the Army Far Eastern studies . It is requested that the following topics be submitted to the Social Science Research Group, Department of Defense, for inclusion in the Extended Project and that this Office be provided with any information obtained concerning these topics.

- a. Methods of Communist Party cadre indoctrination undertaken in the field.
- b. The application of indoctrination techniques within various party activities including the military and security services.
- c. Any differences in the indoctrination of prisoners of war by the Chinese Communists from the indoctrination of their own civilian and military personnel.
- d. Any differentiation in the indoctrination of regular Chinese Communist forces and so-called volunteer Chinese Communist forces; i.e., the type of volunteer forces used in Korea and Indo China.

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- e. Explanations given for the apparent inconsistencies with the Geneva Convention pertaining to treatment of prisoners of war and the techniques of interrogation employed by Chinese Communist forces.
- f. Any similarity or difference in the organization of Chinese Communist and Soviet forces with respect to dual or single command system; for example, within Soviet forces the Communist Party commissar and the military commander are the same individual.

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